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General Leopoldo Galtieri
President
Argentine Republic
Buenos Aires, Argentina

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my concern about the cases of several prisoners in Argentine jails at this time. It is my earnest hope that the gradual release of PEN prisoners will continue and that the following prisoners will be included in the near future.

Carlos Federico Guillen was arrested by military personnel in 1979 and has since been in military jails. In February, 1981 he was transferred to Caseros prison. Since that time his health has deteriorated, and he has had emergency surgery. In view of his serious health problems I would like to request that he be released on humanitarian grounds.

Sara Roldan de Lopez is currently detained at Devoto Prison. It is my understanding that she has been incarcerated for reasons relating to her family's having left Argentina for a period of time due to persecution of Peronists. Sara Roldan de Lopez has three very young children who are living with her husband's family. In the interests of humanity and decency she should be released, and any information about her husband, Jose Dalmaso Lopez, who has disappeared, be given to the family.

Cristina Buillen de Palazzeci is a PEN prisoner who was charged with "illicit association" and sentenced to 15 years in prison. She too has very young children and should be returned to her family.

I would appreciate your assistance in offering parole or reduced sentences to these three political prisoners because of the special circumstances involved in each case.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Don Bonker, Chairman
Subcommittee on Human Rights
and International Organizations

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cc: Honorable Alexander Haig
Honorable Elliot Abrams
His Excellency Esteban Takacs

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